

COLLEGE OPENS WEDNESDAY

Good Attendance Marks Opening of 28th Year at Alma College

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS GOOD

Wealth of Material Offsets Graduation Losses in Team's Ranks For 1915 Season

Alma College began its twenty-eighth year Wednesday morning with a very good attendance of students and excellent prospects for a very successful year in all departments. Though it is too early to secure accurate attendance figures, it is certain that except for the freshman and senior classes there will be practically the same number in Alma College as there were last year. At present there are between sixty and seventy enrolled in the 1915 class. There will be between fifteen and eighteen graduates from the college department next June.

Both Pioneer Hall and Wright Hall are filled almost to capacity with roomers and many house owners near the Hill are renting rooms to students.

In last year's freshman class were to be found many members who intended to come to Alma for the single year's work that they might enter the Detroit College of Medicine this year. An arrangement favorable to this had been made. This year there are few such students, which accounts somewhat for the falling off in the number of new students. It is an indication of substantial progress special inducements to students to come to Alma for one year that they may complete their college courses elsewhere is abandoned.

The lid on the football season was pried off the first afternoon that college was in full swing and a goodly number of candidates responded to Coach Bleamaster's call for men. The 1915 squad shows some large holes where men like Alger Wood, ex-captain and fullback extraordinary of the M. I. A. A., ex-captain Paul Austin Fletcher Gallagher, Arnold Robinson, Clifford Stegall, Clarence Goodrich, quarterback of statewide reputation, and such huskies are conspicuous by their absence. However, Captain Mark Spinney has a very select stock of football material old and new from which to weave the fabric of a bright and shining team this season. To put an air of stability to the outfit will be Merrill Hyde, a halfback of two years experience, French, Ed Johnson, Chester Robinson, Leo Miller Harold Christianson, Verne Richards, Leland Fitch. The freshman class is contributing a fine bunch of football men. Some likely looking ones are Foote of Grand Lodge, Barnard of Mt. Pleasant, Malcolm Smith of the local high school, whose ability on the gridiron needs no comment, Spooner and others.

Coach Bleamaster is bubbling with optimism these days and predicts the best team Alma has had since the famous state championship eleven of 1912. A stiff schedule which includes Hillsdale, M. A. C., Notre Dame, Albion, Olivet Kalamazoo Normal, Ferris Institute and others will give the Coach's prophetic vision a thorough test. At present it looks as though his promise was sure of fulfillment for the boys are doing their preliminary work with a zest that augurs well for the team that is in the making.

BEEBE SCHOOL REPORT

The school of Emerson District No. 3, opened August 16th with an enrollment of forty pupils, twenty-five girls and fifteen boys. The average attendance for the month ending September 10th was 36, while the total attendance stood 727. Due to the closeness of the School Board, the school was closed one day for the Fair to allow the children a day of recreation, for which they were very grateful. Teacher, Miss Laura M. Gossett.

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Opens in This Section Soon. Watch the Record, Acknowledged Auction Medium.

Farmers will soon be through getting in their crops and the auction is about to open. On account of the uniformly high prices which farmers receive for live stock and farm products in general there will evidently be a less number of sales this fall and winter than usual, though a number will find another part of the country more congenial, and will "pick up and leave" in the future as in the past.

It will therefore behoove everyone who is in the market for anything in the stock line to watch the Record advertising columns carefully. The Record is the acknowledged auction paper for the northern part of Gratiot county. As to its real value as an advertising medium ask any of the scores of satisfied folks who have used the Record exclusively in advertising their sales.

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CROOKS NEW COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Harry Means Crooks, president of Albany College, Albany Oregon, who was chosen president of Alma College to succeed Dr. Thomas C. Blaisdell, has accepted the position and will take up his duties at the college on or about the first of November. His acceptance has been in the hands of the Board of Trustees for over a week but the formal announcement was not made until Tuesday morning of this week.

President Crooks will not have any class room work according to the present plans but will devote his time to the raising of money for the endowment which must be added to considerably if the needs of a growing college are to be at all respected. It was along this line that the new president of the college was so pre-eminently successful at Albany College. He went to the school when it was practically nothing and he built it up to a first class condition. He aroused the interest of men like James J. Hill the railroad king of the west, and enlisted his financial support to his school. He has secured over two hundred thousand for Albany College during his ten year stay and had definite promises of many thousands more to be given very soon.

President and Mrs. Crooks and three children will move here, though it is not yet certain where their home will be.

ANNUAL FOOTBALL OPENING

Alma High School And Ithaca Clash Next Tuesday On Davis Field

Next Tuesday afternoon Alma High School will get their baptism in the football sea when Ithaca High School comes to this city to try to register the first lien on the county championship banner. It is to be presumed that the county seat boys will come to Alma chock full of confidence, for the graduation of the men who made up the backbone of the famous 1914 team did not go by unnoticed. They are safe in presuming that they will not meet as strong an eleven as they did last year when Alma High ran up a few hundred points on them, but they may still anticipate a good stiff game. Coach Crisp has done wonders with the team even at this date and will send a very creditable eleven against them Tuesday afternoon.

Although it is a trifle early to pick the regular team it appears that Howe, Stevens and Handley will compose the backfield with Mindell directing the play at quarterback. Handley who played quarterback last year has hustles around pretty fast he may be able to fill his brother's shoes without causing them to rattle too loudly. Verne is not eligible to play this fall and consequently his brother will be called upon to take his place. Emory, the former Breckenridge athlete, and Kress seem to be fixtures at the two ends, with Captain Tinkham and Harry Wood at the two tackle positions. Campbell will be at center and probably Sartor and Boyd at guards. This is only a tentative lineup and without a doubt there will be several changes before the referee's whistle blows. All of the recruits will be given a chance to show their ability in the opener against Ithaca.

The Mt. Pleasant Times has added a Model 14 Linotype machine to its already well equipped office. Brother McCall realizes that it is better to have his type set at home rather than employ Saginaw printers.

MASONS TROUNCED IN SECOND GAME

Odd Fellows Turn On Old Opponents and Score 15 to 11 Victory

BLEAMASTER SHINING LIGHT

Grotesque Baseball Game Featured By Lively Hitting and Lots of Fun

Somebody is bound to get hurt if this Odd Fellow-Mason baseball series continues much longer and we imagine it will be the official score keeper who will succumb to overwork. The second game of this immortal series resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Odd Fellows, who carried off the honors of the day in a belated batting rally during the closing innings of their Friday afternoon game at the expense of the astute coach of Alma college athletics. At the opening of the fifth inning the Masons were ahead by the score of 3 to 2. By the close of the inning they had increased their lead to 11 to 2. At the end of the game they were behind by the score of 16 to 11.

Some terrific clouting by Brunner, Erwin, Harvey and Montigel had apparently put the Masons on easy street, but to their sorrow they allowed the Coach to try his skill on the mound in the ninth inning. As a pitcher Coach Bleamaster has all the qualifications of a Walter Johnson except control, curves, speed and general pitching ability. He may not be much of a fielder or much of a batter but he certainly can pitch a fine game—on the bench. Consequently, in the ninth inning, with the game apparently won, the Masons to a man begged him to pitch for them. After hesitating for a second or a second and a half he reluctantly consented to offer his services. After that the hearse was called.

The Odd Fellows were very fortunate in having some hitting talent extraordinary. Capt. Struble, Mel. Medler, Ward and Helman and a few others responded nobly to the call of duty. In the field they were not quite perfect. Especially in the fifth inning did they play some excruciating baseball. Leon Stinchcomb, who is ordinarily a very mild mannered and becoming young man, waxed wilder than the proverbial March hare. At one time he tried to hit the Ann Arbor freight house in throwing from first to third.

The series now stands one game apiece, and no other way of settling the tie except by playing another game. The first resulted in a twenty-five to twenty-four victory for the Masons. The Odd Fellows seem to be anxious to play another game and suggest that a supper for the winning team be bought by the losing team. The Masons have been heard from very distinctly on that proposition. If the rubber game should be played it would be a history maker. The Odd Fellows have asked the Masonic baseball management to be sure to have Coach Bleamaster pitch or play third base for it will, without a doubt, mean the price of a big supper.

LINEUP
Masons: Harvey Catcher, Seig Pitcher, Brunner 1st base, Montigel 2nd base, Bleamaster 3rd base, Dr. Erwin Shortstop, Stickney Right field, F. Bahlke Center field, Porterfield Left field, Umpire, Joseph Page Jr.; Official scorer, Dr. Lamb.

KENNETH MERRIMAN IS THERE

San Francisco, Cal., September 14th, 1915.

In the beginning of last year while "Scoop" Hanna was still in his glory at the Record office, he caused to be put in the columns a mythical piece about a bicyclist making a trip from Alma to San Francisco.

To do justice to "Scoop's" faith in me I put every effort into getting to Frisco and here I am.

I am not saying it was the easiest thing I ever attempted.

Respectfully yours,

Kenneth Merriman.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AT ST. JOHNS

A district field day of the seven commanderies of the Knights Templar will be held in St. Johns Friday, October 8th. Several drills will be held previous to the field day. One will be held at St. Louis September 26th in the evening.

ANNUAL STATE BOYS' CONFERENCE AT KALAMAZOO

The general program committee of the State Conference for older boys met here today and outlined plans and program for the 13th Annual Conference to be held here November 26-28.

The State Boys' Secretary, Van Dis, announced that indications pointed to as large a delegation as the Conference at Ann Arbor where over 2,000 boys met last year. Many noted speakers have already been invited, among them Dr. John R. Mott, Dr. W. T. Grenfell, Governor Ferris. A complete list will soon be announced.

The general theme of the Conference will be "A World View" and it is the hope of the Committee to make the coming gathering of older boys a most impressive one in the multiplying of Michigan Manhood.

The following members of the Committee were present: Eugene C. Foster, Detroit, Chairman; Wm. H. Gay, Grand Rapids; M. F. Gogle, Jackson; Walter Gossip, Sturgis; C. E. Ackley, Marshall; O. J. Fox, Grand Rapids; E. G. Tracy, Kalamazoo; and J. A. Van Dis, Secretary of Committee.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Dr. Brainerd has enlarged his staff at the hospital. Dr. Carney will be his assistant in the future. Dr. Bagley will act as anesthetist and Dr. Barstow of St. Louis as surgeon of the eye and ear.

Mrs. Angell has been returned to her home fully recovered after an operation for appendicitis.

William Brotherton of St. Louis, who was operated upon this week at the hospital, died Tuesday afternoon. His case was a hopeless one. Mr. Brotherton was seventy-five years old.

Joe Karleik, a Bulgarian from near Forest Hill, returned to his friends yesterday. He had been operated upon for gall stones.

WILL OPEN PROUD STORE TUESDAY

W. C. Proud will hold a big opening day for his store next Tuesday morning, the doors being opened at nine o'clock. The stock which he recently purchased of C. L. Delavan is being gone over very carefully and the store will be put in a most attractive condition for the big opening day. He will begin his business career in Alma with a big slaughter sale on all dress goods, shoes, groceries, etc., because it will be necessary for him to get rid of the stock within ten days.



Mr. Proud has made an arrangement with his brother-in-law, C. E. Hagen of Mt. Pleasant who owns one of the largest dry goods stores in Central Michigan whereby they will buy their goods together, thus being able to secure much better prices. This Mr. Proud says, will result in him being able to quote unusually good prices.

Howard Hammell, for five years an employee in the Lyon & Pond store in Owosso, will assist Mr. Proud in his new store. The latter intends to buy a home in Alma and move his family of three girls here in the near future.

Mr. Proud has had a wide experience of fifteen years time in the dry goods business and should experience a profitable business and many friendships in Alma.

Many improvements are being made in the store, putting in new show windows, a new steam heating plant and other improvements which will materially aid in its appearance, making it an up-to-date business house.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GETS TWO ALMA BOYS

Sidney Cook who has been local editor of the Record the past six months, has resigned his position and leaves Saturday for New York City where he will enter Columbia University taking a course in Journalism. As an employee of the Record he has made many friends who regret his departure. While here he has proven himself a competent, honest, painstaking reporter, and while we regret his leaving, we congratulate him on his good judgment in perfecting himself for his chosen work. Part of his work on the Record will be carried on by Errol Stafford, a sophomore in the college. Arnold Robinson will accompany Sidney to New York and will also enter the University taking the journalistic course.

Our special for Saturday and Sunday will be Walnut Chocolate Ice Cream. Try it. Miner's Cafe. adv

Program of Alma's First Good Health Week

October 3rd to 8th To Be Devoted To Helpful Series of Talks, Addresses, and Exhibits

Program of Gratiot County Good Health Week, to be held at Alma on October 3rd to 8th inclusive. All meetings will be held at the High School Auditorium except those of Sunday afternoon for men and boys and Monday afternoon, October 4th which will be held at the M. E. Church.

SUNDAY, 3 P. M.
Meeting for Men and Boys over 15 Years Old, M. E. Church.
Chairman—Rev. T. G. R. Brownlow

Solo—H. C. Moore.
Invocation—Rev. J. Frank Jackson.
Five Minutes Talk—Rev. B. F. Ford, St. Louis.
Music—Wright's Male Quartette.
Address—"The Crime Against the Boy," by Dr. J. W. Warthin, Dept. of Pathology, State U. of M.
Solo—Prof. R. F. Veatch.
Announcements—Rev. W. H. Mason.
Benediction—Rev. J. W. Priest.
Meeting for Women and Girls, at High School Auditorium.
Chairman—Mrs. Mudge of St. Louis, Chairman Gratiot County W. C. T. U.
Solo—Miss Mae Jones.
Address—"Sex Hygiene," by Dr. Elsie Pratt.
Solo—Miss Gladys Bradner.
Five Minutes Talk—"Why We Have Good Health Week," by Mrs. V. H. Shepherd.
Solo—Mrs. Joe McKenzie.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 3 P. M.
General Meeting at M. E. Church.
Chairman—Dr. E. G. Shuyter

Music—Song by pupils of Ithaca Public Schools.
Five Minutes Talk—Judge K. S. Searls, Ithaca.
Address—"The Value of Public Health," by Dr. Wm. DeKline.
Music—Song by Ithaca Public Schools.
Address—"Illustrated Lecture, 'How to Care for the Teeth of Children,'" by Dr. Russell Bandtling.

Monday Evening at 7:30, High School Auditorium.
Chairman—W. A. Bahlke
Music—Alma Orchestra.
Address of Welcome—Mayor I. N. Brainerd.
Solo—Mrs. Edward May.
Address—"What I See in Alma," by Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane.
Music—Alma Orchestra.

Tuesday at 3:00 p. m., High School Auditorium.
Chairman—D. L. Johnson

Music—Pupils of St. Louis Public Schools.
Five Minutes Talk—Herbert Montague.
Ten Minute Talk—"Salient Points in Public Health," by Mrs. Marion Chase Roneigh.
Address—"The Worth of an Individual," by Dr. Wm. DeKline.
Music—Pupils of St. Louis Public Schools.
Address—"Michigan's Effort to Prevent Tuberculosis," by Carol Walton, Secretary State Tuberculosis Society.
Music—Pupils of St. Louis Public Schools.

Tuesday Evening at 7:30, High School Auditorium.
Chairman—Mrs. Francis King
Music—Wright's Male Quartette.
Short Talk—Mrs. Francis Burns, St. Louis.
Violin Solo—Bistline
Address—Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane.
Music—Wright's Male Quartette.

Wednesday at 3:00 p. m., High School Auditorium.
Chairman—Dr. A. R. Wheeler

Music—Piano Solo by Sadie Messinger.
Five Minutes Talk—Dr. Drake, Breckenridge.
Music—Music Department Alma College.
Address—"The Prevention and Cure of Cancers," by Dr. Rubin S. Peterson, U. of M.

Music—Music Department Alma College.
Address—Dr. John H. Kellogg, Battle Creek.

Wednesday Evening at 7:30, High School Auditorium.
Chairman—Dr. Cyrus B. Gardner
Music—Alma Public Schools.
Five Minutes Talk—Dr. Faust, Ithaca.
Address—"Sanitary Requirements for Municipalities," Prof. E. D. Rich State Sanitary Engineer.
Folk Dance—L'Zonetta, Alma High School.
Address—"Race Betterment," Illustrated Lecture, Dr. John R. Kellogg.

Thursday at 3:00 p. m., Alma Vaudeville.
Chairman—Supt. A. F. Schultz

Music—Alma Public Schools.
Five Minutes Talk—Supt. I. F. King, Ithaca.
Solo—John Chick.
Moving Picture Lecture—Dr. Burkhardt.

Thursday Evening at 7:30, High School Auditorium.
Chairman—J. E. Mitchell

Music—Alma City Band.
Five Minutes Talk—Howard F. Potter, Commissioner of Schools.
Music—Alma City Band.
Address—J. W. Helme, State Dairy and Food Commissioner.
Music—Alma City Band.
Reading—Mrs. Joseph Bistline.
Address—"Dangerous and Communicable Skin Diseases," Dr. Biddle, Detroit.
Music—Alma City Band.

PROCLAIMS MEMORY DAY

Ferris Urges Citizens to Assemble in Cemeteries on September 30th.

Calling upon the people of the state to assemble in the cemeteries and hold appropriate exercises in memory of their dead on Thursday, Sept. 30, Gov. Ferris today issued the following proclamation:
"Once upon a time a Michigan school teacher traveled 247 miles for the sole purpose of hearing Adeline Patti sing 'Home Sweet Home.' This dear old song brought to the consciousness of 4,000 or 5,000 listeners the precious memories of childhood days. In a large measure human personality is the aggregate of one's memory. At the grave of father, mother, wife, husband, son, daughter, baby, neighbor friend, the joys and sorrows of the past, through memory, are received and retouched with the benediction of love.

"Our cemeteries are cities of the dead, made beautiful through the magic touch of loving hands. It is to be hoped that on 'Memory Day' every cemetery in Michigan will command the special attention of our citizens. If by chance a neglected grave is found put it in order and place upon it a handful of flowers. If there is a corner called the potter's field clear away the weeds and rubbish. Here strew and plant flowers. The condition of this particular spot is the real test of the community love and loyalty. In remembering the dead we serve the living.

"I, Woodbridge N. Ferris, governor of Michigan invite her people to convene in the cemeteries at 2 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, Sept. 30, designated by the legislature as 'Memory Day,' and hold appropriate exercises in memory of the dead.

MOTOR TRUCK DOUBLES CAPITAL

Republic Truck Company Increases Their Stock To \$500,000

NEW BUILDINGS ERECTED

The Business Shows An Increase of 800 Per Cent in The Past Year

Tuesday afternoon the Republic Motor Truck Company doubled their capitalization for the second time within less than a year, this time the new figure amounts to five hundred thousand dollars. At a meeting of the stockholders held in the offices of the company by a two thirds vote, it was decided to raise it from two hundred fifty thousand to the present figure. The application blank has been filled out and sent to the Secretary of State and will be returned within a few days. It was not announced what dividend will be declared though it is known that it will be in the nature of a stock dividend similar to the former. At present there is about one hundred eighty thousand dollars worth of stock taken up under the allotments made last fall.

The Republic Company is growing by leaps and bounds. It is the largest company in the world making trucks exclusively and during the past year has increased its business eight hundred per cent. Only recently the officers of the company announced the building of a three ton truck which is to climax their assortment of models for the trade. New buildings costing tens of thousands of dollars are being rushed to completion that the capacity of production may correspond in some degree with the increasing demand.

MORE PAVING FOR ALMA

The city will continue its paving this next summer according to the present plans and will add to the present stretch of road covering along Michigan avenue so that it will reach blocks in length. Just what material will be used is not certain though about eight thousand dollars will be expended. Considerable dissatisfaction has been felt with the concrete pavement as put in east of the Alma Grain and Lumber Company by auto and wagon drivers and it is possible that the road will be rebuilt with the same material with which the new road between St. Louis and Alma is being built, i. e., gravel, etc.

The committee which is to have the matter in hand next spring will determine the kind of pavement or surface which will be used.

Of the eight thousand dollars or thereabouts which is to be spent on the next piece of paving between three and four thousand, or forty per cent, will be raised by the city and the remainder by the owners of abutting property.

The following is the report of the Ways and Means Committee as submitted to the council at their bi-monthly meeting last Tuesday evening.

September 14, 1915.
To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Alma, Michigan:

Your Committee on Ways and Means would respectfully recommend by taxation for the fiscal year 1915.

For General Fund.....\$24,340.35
For Highway Fund..... 8,536.14
For Interest on Sink'g Fund 5,690.00

.....\$38,566.49.

We would further recommend that the General Fund be divided in the following funds:

Water Fund.....\$ 3,000.00
Contingent Fund..... 17,340.35
Cemetery Fund..... 1,000.00

Total.....\$21,340.35

Committee,
Chas. O. Ward,
L. B. Kehn,
J. S. Knoetzer.

Angeline S., the trotting mare of Robt. McNabb of Alma, won the 2:25 class trot at Grand Rapids last Thursday, taking three straight heats in 2:18 1/4, 2:17 1/4 and 2:18 1/4. The Grand Rapids Herald in commenting on the race says: "Angeline clung to the inside around to the quarter pole and pulled away from the bunch. Her lead was never cut down, and she won the heat going away. The next two heats were repetitions, Angeline heading the procession around the track.